Ph, JHS-Marina, CD6 comments of 9/7 9/13/71

With things I have learned and come to believe, I disagree with your description of this as "routine". I've just read it in haste, but it tends to confirm certain impressions I think we should each bear in mind in our different approaches to the AO possibility. I suggest, for example, that you reread just these pages, 370-1;380-1,389-90 and ask yourself suppose this is straight, this is really what she means and wants, and then ask yourself why, with no more background than should come to mind immediately, what I have in the O's Gov't Relations ch. of WW and the long SS interview that - apparently have pasted up for publication from when I hoped to print every doc I used, that the first in WWII (Lifton later used). Suppose, for example, that it is true the FBI was leaning hard, as she alleged and quoted HP and LHO as believing? The question may remain why, but that would make this what she would most likely do.

I now regret this is not one of the areas I early decided to go into. In my LHO-USSR file I have only INT and WWII 9-14, Ch. 2/15; First page, Jan to Security, Stone, 6/3/66; CD1011, Helms to Rankin 6/3; and a separate Rapa-P file that comes to mind. Under Marina, CD6:466,477; Cook memo 3/11/64 (on legality her test); 87:4 (SS 555) (and I know I have more that I used in WWII) CD446d (3S1141) recall sending you, and two pp with CD's not ind., 466,471, probably CD6.

I may also have what I haven't been able to file, which includes the newly-released stuff and about two inches besides that.

I think we have now come to the point where we should look at one special aspect of the Os-USSR relations, the genuineness of the effort to return. I would like at some time, if either of you has it, all we know of this limited, possible with dupes of what I do not have, and at some point see if I can speak to the consular office about it. There is just a chance, with the possible turnabout indicated by the Aurora-Sputnik-perhaps other play that they could not be entirely uncommunicative.

I have never doubted that the FBI got him fired from every job he got. I have reason to believe that Hosty was really leaning on him, not investigating him, and you are familiar with one of my interpretations of the real purpose of the Main visit that so upset LHO. What he told Marina is what one would expect, but it is not enough to explain his reactionn/

The Odell stuff fits this. It is entirely inconsistent with the picture they contrived and is consistent with what we know they hid, like the guy who phoned me 12/66 on the Nolan show when Hal was in the studio with me. You may want to consult his recall on this, for he was on an extension. I'm interested in everything on Odell, but I'll send these pp to JHS. What that stranger and Odell report is a quiet guy keeping his own counsel, consistent with one with int. connections, then or planned, and the only one, as I recall, who would even indicate LHO was really pro-USSR is KF. Others reported little more than infrequent kidding. The fact remains that they lied of his security clearances, Donovan and the courts-martial provide adequate explanation of lack of rank and competence, and in that job knowledge of Russian was no liability. Radar was used to intercept Russian communications.

To simplify this, these and perhaps other things can be taken to indicate that LHO had been on OI, quit, Hosty was trying to get him back, messed it up, and meanwhile, LHO, not liking it or the way he had to live, elected to return to USSR if possible as an alternative. I read these letters by Marina as genuine and hers, not his dictation. It is much different than anything he wrote. I think we should pay attention. Esp. in our separate AO inquiries and thinking.

HM